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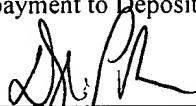
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- Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 9 References
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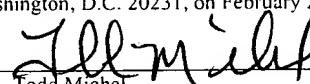
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

Japanese application 6-265827 corresponds to U.S. 5,638,210.

Japanese application 7-199124 corresponds to U.S. 5,585,966.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or



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otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

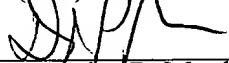
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,638,210	June 1997	Sato et al.			
	5,585,966	Dec. 1996	Suzuki			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	6-265827	Sept. 1994	JPO			
	7-199124	Aug. 1995	JPO			
	8-29737	Feb. 1996	JPO			Abstract
	9-281391	Oct. 1997	JPO			Abstract
	7-128619	May 1995	JPO			Abstract
	9-288236	Nov. 1997	JPO			Abstract
	9-281393	Oct. 1997	JPO			Abstract
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						



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